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TEL can help with everything from homework assignments for students in any grade to health and wellness information. The databases include such categories as business, newspapers, Spanish language sources, health, literature and General Reference - much of which is in full-text and contain materials appropriate for researchers of all ages.

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